

Activity Summary

Appropriation: National Recreation and Preservation
Activity: Environmental Compliance and Review

Activity	2002 Enacted	FY 2003			Change From 2002 (+/-)
		Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Environmental Compliance and Review	397	+3	0	400	+3
Total Requirements	397	+3	0	400	+3

Authorization

16 U.S.C. 460I - 469I-3	The Outdoor Recreation Act
42 U.S.C. 4321 - 4347	National Environmental Policy Act
49 U.S.C. 303	Department of Transportation Act
16 U.S.C. 1271 - 1287	Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
16 U.S.C. 460I - 460I-11	Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
16 U.S.C. 3501 - 3510	Coastal Barrier Resources Act
23 U.S.C. 101	Federal Aid Highway Act of 1976
16 U.S.C 1nt et seq.	National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978
16 U.S.C. 1241 - 1251	National Trails System Act

Overview

The Environmental Compliance and Review activity provides review and comment on environmental impact statements, Federal licensing and permitting applications and other actions which may impact areas of National Park Service jurisdiction and expertise. This activity, in addition, ensures compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental protection mandates; and provides comments on the effects on environmental quality resulting from proposed legislation, regulations, guidelines, and Executive Orders regarding wild and scenic rivers, national trails, wilderness, resource management plans and activities from other agencies, recreation composites, Federal surplus property transfers, and related projects and undertakings.

Applicable National Park Service Mission Goal

- 1a** Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.

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FY 2002 Enacted: \$0.400 million

FY 2002 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

The National Park Service is mandated to exercise stewardship over properties acquired, developed, or preserved through NPS grant programs and to protect other areas, such as wild and scenic rivers, cultural sites, and segments of the National Trails System. This protection can be achieved through effective application of a variety of existing environmental mandates such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing, and permits issued under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. With the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, there is a requirement for increasing coordination with FERC in the review of new hydropower licenses in units of the NPS. FERC-related responsibilities in this activity focus primarily on regulatory compliance; mitigation and other resource protection measures are being addressed in the Hydropower Recreation Assistance component of the Natural Programs activity.

Leadership, guidance and training are provided by the Washington office to regional offices, system support offices, and park managers and personnel responsible for participation in the preparation of environmental documents or other requirements of environmental mandates. Through the Washington office, the NPS coordinates its review activity with the Departmental Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance. The office provides, evaluates, and implements changes to operations within the NPS so that resources are adequately evaluated both in internal activities and external consultations with other Federal, State and local agencies.

In carrying out its responsibilities for NEPA compliance, the environmental quality program is responsible for establishing the procedures governing the development of environmental evaluations of proposed NPS actions, including impacts to National Park System resources. In addition, this guidance provides for increased opportunities for public involvement and for participation by state, local and tribal governments in development of NPS NEPA documents when those governments have special expertise in the impacts or issues resulting from an NPS proposal.

The Service's reply time in preparing required reviews and answering inquiries has been reduced in the last five years. The bureau has implemented improvements in its data management and document control to increase use of technological advances in communications with the field.

Environmental Compliance Workload Factors

Workload Factors	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Estimate	FY 2003 Estimate
Number of reviews prepared on recreation, historic or archeological resource/license and permit applications	380	400	400
Number of reviews prepared on proposed regulations and other land management/ proposals	1,100	1,000	1,000
Number of transportation related reviews and comments	450	400	400

Justification Of Total FY 2003 Budget Request For Environmental Compliance and Review

Request Component	Amount
FY 2002 Enacted Budget	397
Programmatic Changes	No Change
TOTAL, Program Changes	0
Uncontrollable changes	+3
FY 2003 Budget Request	400
Net change	+3